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JOHN W. WELLS,

Treasurer, in account with town of Belmont, Dr.

To amount due town on settlement, March 1, 1874,	$2,217 35
To amount received on U. S. bounties,	20 00
Received from Gilmanton for the support of M. Flanders,	4 50
Hired of Treasurer of Parsonage Fund,	224 97
" Sarah Piper,	166 11
" D. Glidden,	724 56
" M. G. Glidden,	26 50
" Sarah Piper,	60 00
" L. A. Folsom,	160 00
" M. J. Pierce,	279 21
" J. Pierce,	139 49
" J. M. Clark,	44 00
" W. C. Wells,	75 00
" M. A. Lakeman,	15 00
" H. B. Clark,	90 00
" F. E. Judkins,	40 00
Received of County for support of George T. Hannaford,	23 56
Hired of Ida A. Ordway,	70 00
" Langdon Ladd,	143 45
" H. B. Clark,	120 00
" Sarah Piper,	141 85
" Eliza Dow,	75 00
" W. A. Bucklin,	80 00
" J. M. Clark,	60 00
Received of County for support of Hiram Twombly,	22 00
Hired of H. B. Clark,	60 00
Received Savings Bank tax,	1,044 20
" Railroad tax,	61 15
" Literary money,	70 52

Received of J. C. Cilley, collector for 1868,	$117	14
" C. B. Gile, collector for 1870,	55	21
" " " 1871,	32	00
" " " 1873,	1,729	00
" J. S. Weymouth, " 1874,	8,248	39
Hired of W. A. Bucklin,	100	00
Received of G. W. Riley,	9	00
" For damage to sheep by dogs,	14	00
Received from C. B. Gile, for interest on taxes, 1873,	14	54
	$16,577	70

Paid Notes and Outstanding Bills.

Lydia Berry, for money hired,	$1,043	60
" "	542	81
Mary E. Heath, "	125	65
John Tucker, "	411	47
C. B. Cook, "	14	23
J. M. Clark, "	60	75
C. O. Judkins, "	56	71
A. P. Keasor, "	199	76
L. Ladd, "	143	45
M. A. Lakeman, "	35	87
J. P. Lawrence, "	131	55
A. A. Gardner, "	62	87
" "	52	62
A. D. Tyler, "	32	25
D. Glidden, "	127	40
" "	397	30
" "	199	86
M. G. Glidden, "	26	50

Treasurer of Parsonage Fund,	$ 70 33
" "	6 28
" "	50 90
H. A. Clough,	27 06
S. Page,	28 00
M. J. Pierce,	139 72
"	139 49
J. Pierce,	139 49
C. C. Currier,	118 29
"	130 30
J. H. Swett,	50 00
A. T. Bean,	214 80
J. F. Heath,	87 95
S. Piper,	141 85
"	166 11
G. W. Norris,	12 00
G. Swain,	13 75
G. P. Dearborn,	39 49
" "	29 69
J. C. Cilley, witness fees in Sawyer case,	1 50
J. C. Cilley, abatement of J. O. Stevens' tax for 1868,	5 15
L. Sanborn, abatement of tax for 1873,	5 16
J. W. Wells, for error in report of 1873,	10 00
N. D. Garmon, for watering trough,	3 00
G. B. Blaisdell, school committee, 1873,	55 00
N. Chase, for damage to sheep by dogs,	15 00
J. Sanborn, " "	10 00
C. J. Sanborn, " "	30 00
J. T. Dudley, " "	8 00
D. Durrell, " "	12 00
C. H. Rowe, " "	10 00
J. W. Farrar, " "	7 00
Sanborn & Clay, damage to sheep by dogs,	15 00

T. Clark, for money hired,	$ 29 43
J. W. Wells, "	20 53
" "	54 60
" "	225 89
" "	13 93
School District No. 4,	13 17
J. C. Cilley, abatement of taxes 1868,	5 26
J. W. Wells, for expenses and services as agent in selling State Bonds 1872, and disbursing proceeds of same,	40 00
	$5.859 77

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

J. P. Currier, for labor on highway,	2 25
S. L. Currier,	18 00
A. S. Ladd,	3 00
J. C. Cilley,	14 00
"	2 25
J. M. Roberts,	22 62
L. Sanborn,	2 41
L. W. Morrill,	11 05
B. J. Cate,	13 87
J. M. Whicher,	5 25
G. W. Weymouth,	5 00
J. O. Cotton,	50
P. Davis,	4 05
A. D. Leighton,	13 00
R. L. Farrar,	40 90
M. H. Philbrook,	75 50
A. S. Ladd,	64 62
S. B. Swain,	12 30
H. C. Weymouth,	20 00
S. Bickford,	43 66

G. P. Folsom,	$29 85
J. M. Roberts,	30 85
C. B. Gile,	39 23
R. F. Smith,	11 16
J. C. Akeley,	12 27
D. W. Judkins,	26 50
" "	23 97
E. A. Rowe,	13 35
J. B. Fifield,	3 00
S. S. Fifield,	28 15
G. R. Smith,	8 00
A. D. Leighton,	27 21
S. B. Knowlss,	30 09
J. C. Weymouth,	9 00
N. F. Foster,	22 50
C. W. Farrar,	5 00
C. W. Farrar,	20 00
S. B. Swain,	10 00
K. Hall,	2 40
D. W. Judkins,	178 72
J. L. Dalton,	12 00
C. B. Gile,	12 51
H. C. Weymouth,	14 80
G. W. Weymouth,	13 00
B. Fifield,	18 00
S. Bickford,	20 45
W. York,	10 00
S. B. Knowles,	17 55
O. Rundlett,	4 00
N. D. Gasmon,	29 06
J. Plumer,	41 42
E. G. Ladd,	105 97
J. Kilburn,	71 90
L. Sanborn,	20 87

I. S. Thompson,	$58 65
J. G. Cate,	24 25
I. S. Thompson,	35 75
G. W. Weymouth,	85 70
K. Hall,	5 00
N. Chase,	27 96
W. H. Shepard,	29 50
G. W. Currier,	62 50
J. Y. Weymouth,	76 96
O. Rundlett,	5 00
C. H. Norris,	30 90
W. S. Fifield,	3 00
J. C. Pearsons,	40 07
" "	12 50
E. A. Rowe,	13 86
J. O. Cotton,	43 50
" "	16 00
" "	7 00
G. F. Clough, stone for culvert,	35 65
E. G. Ladd, labor on bridge,	6 60
E. G. Ladd, lumber for bridge,	39 79
J. S. Towle, stone and labor on bridge,	12 00
J. E. Maxfield, use of scraper,	2 25
J. H. Tilton & Co., spikes for bridge,	9 13
F. W. Ladd, lumber "	13 32
Brown & Simonds, "	31 65
A. L. Sanborn,	4 30
C. Glidden,	4 20
	$2,033 96

Paid Current Expenses.

N. D. Garmon, for watering trough,	3 00

F. A. Randlett, for watering trough, 1873-4,	6 00
E. Tuttle, for watering trough,	3 00
M. Kimball, "	3 00
J. Plumer, "	3 00
C. B. Gile, for constable fees,	2 00
D. W. Judkins, for stationery, &c.,	2 00
O. A. J. Vaughan, for printing reports.	38 00
" check lists.	9 00
B. W. Sanborn, books and stationery,	12 45
" Blanks.	3 80
County Tax,	1,559 80
J. Fletcher, for sharpening tools,	7 50
E. A. Hibbard, counsel fees,	1 00
E. G. Ladd, selectmen's expenses.	2 52
E. Tuttle, damage to carriage,	6 00
E. O. Bean, for auditors,	6 00
S. Bickford, for watering trough, &c.,	5 38
" " 1873,	3 00
State Tax,	1,008 00
Several school districts,	1,076 63
Treasurer of Parsonage Fund.	13 50
J. W. Wells, for expenses and services as Treasurer out of town,	15 00
C. F. Stone, counsel fees,	14 00
J. H. Tilton, & Co., for spikes,	1 32
Ira Mooney, for watering tub,	3 00
" for board of selectmen.	50 21
" for office rent,	15 00
T. E. Clough, rent of hall,	8 00
J. O. Stevens, for watering tub,	3 00
E. Tuttle, for watering tub,	3 00
	$3,887 11

Paid for Paupers in and out of Town.

A. H. Lamprey, wood for Mrs. J. Rundlett,	11 00
T. E. Clough, aid to G. T. Hannaford,	8 56
W. A. Bucklin, aid to G. T. Hannaford,	10 00
D. W. Judkins, aid to G. T. Hannaford,	5 00
D. W. Judkins. funeral expenses of H. Twombly,	22 00
E. L. Dow for board of Mrs. Varney,	26 25
E. L. Dow for board of Mrs. Varney,	37 50
N. L. True, medical aid to Mrs. Varney,	2 50
S. Taylor, for F. S. Taylor's wife & children,	48 00
" " "	48 00
" " "	44 50
N. Wight, medical aid to Mrs. Jewell,	15 00
W. A. Bucklin, medical aid to Mrs. Varney,	21 55
A. H. Lamprey, wood for Mrs. J. Rundlett,	5 50
	$305 36

Paid Abatement of Taxes.

C. B. Gile, collector for 1870,	$ 14 93
" " " 1873,	34 56
S. Dicy,	2 80
J. B. Marden,	7 74
D. Sawyer,	115 89
S. H. Sargent,	2 15
J. H. Fifield,	2 66
B. A. Johnson,	5 37
B. Bartlett,	21 50
J. C. Pearsons,	3 22

J. S. Weymouth, collector for 1874,	46 57
	$257 39

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Paid for Breaking Roads in 1873 & 4.

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John O. Cotton,	46 66
S. B. Knowles,	17 10
R. L. Farrar,	25 95
A. D. Leighton,	39 85
L. Rowe,	18 35
N. Chase,	10 35
J. S. Towle,	23 00
I. Mooney,	7 20
C. J. Sanborn,	8 63
S. Lamprey,	7 75
H. C. Weymouth,	4 65
I. Bennett,	6 85
D. W. Judkins,	12 00
G. W. Weymouth,	4 15
A. L. Bean,	10 47
J. M. Bean,	9 00
D. T. Robinson,	16 00
N. F. Foster,	3 82
J. C. Pearsons,	13 25
B. F. Smith,	11 77
G. R. Smith,	15 00
H. Wadleigh,	9 00
S. N. Jewett,	8 55
O. Rundlett,	5 59
A. A. Lamprey,	6 75

D. H. Maxfield,	12 90
I. S. Thompson,	6 90
C. W. Farrar,	18 70
S. B. Swain,	11 00
F. W. Sanborn,	28 80
" "	9 23
J. G. Cate,	16 12
	$445 34

Paid Town Officers.

G. B. Blaisdell, for school committee,	$57 00
D. W. Judkins, services as selectman,	60 00
" " " " and expenses as selectman out of town,	14 50
D. W. Judkins, services as selectman,	31 75
E. A. Rowe, " "	50 00
C. E. Moody, " "	42 00
J. W. Wells, services as treasurer,	30 00
E. A. Rowe, services as selectman,	32 50
C. E. Moody, " "	17 65
J. S. Weymouth, services as collector,	72 00
C. E. Clough, services as town clerk,	45 00
	$452 46

Recapitulation.

Paid Notes and Outstanding bills,	$5,859 77
Paid for Highways and Bridges,	2,033 96
Paid Current Expenses,	3,887 11

Paid for Paupers,	305 36
Paid Abatement of Taxes,	257 39
Paid for Breaking Roads,	445 34
Paid Town Officers,	452 40
Cash on hand,	3,336 37
	$16,577 70

JOHN W. WELLS, Treasurer.

EDGAR A. ROWE,
DUDLEY W. JUDKINS,
CHARLES E. MOODY,
} Selectmen of Belmont.

February 27, 1875. The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of the sum of three thousand, three hundred, thirty-six dollars and thirty-seven cents.

JESSE S. TOWLE,
CHARLES B. GILE,
} Auditors.

Indebtedness of the Town.

We find the town indebted for outstanding orders as follows, including principal and interest.

Geo. W. Norris,	$ 2.52	L. A. Sanborn,	$160.19
G. F. Cate,	157.10	N. S. Hunt,	84.27
C. J. Gross,	77.66	E. O. Bean,	178.14
D. H. Maxfield,	387.50	C. Clifford,	152.34
Geo. W. Norris,	6.66	S. E. Willard,	107.45
L. A. Willard,	76.85	D. H. Maxfield,	88.51
L. A. Willard,	71.96	J. F. Heath,	388.44
N. F. Foster,	141.57	L. Sanborn,	70.60

J. Tucker,	139.88	H. F. Tucker,	126.15
C. Mooney,	454.54	E. E. Evans,	97.98
G. D. Chamberlin,	278.68	L. A. Willard,	69.89
S. C. Hill,	428.01	L. Ladd,	68.10
L. Ladd,	205.74	J. H. Sweat,	216.56
J. Tucker,	68.16	J. S. Towle,	50.89
L. Ladd,	135.22	E. G. Folsom,	711.83
G. W. Norris,	7.39	C. J. Gross,	135.34
E. G. Heath,	11.56	J. Cate,	64.24
S. Piper,	168.71	E. G. Folsom,	134.03
O. S. Sanborn,	200.79	E. G. Folsom,	133.65
J. Lane,	535.46	N. Hunt,	145.73
E. G. Folsom,	264.17	N. F. Foster,	397.11
J. Plummer,	412.53	L. Plummer,	236.16
N. S. Plummer,	43.36	E. G. Folsom,	131.85
N. Ellsworth,	90.51	J. S. Towle,	180.45
H. Wadleigh,	131.77	W. A. Bucklin,	262.30
J. F. Lamprey,	67.55	A. A. Sargent,	389.02
M. A. Lakeman,	195.04	J. F. Lamprey,	52.06
M. A. Lougee,	32.01	S. Clark,	487.18
L. J. Dearborn,	95.61	M. A. Lougee,	288.27
E. G. Folsom,	254.41	L. J.Dearborn,	31.65
J. C. Cilley,	240.19	E. G. Eolsom,	692.13
A. Dicy,	191.37	E. E. Evans,	66.57
T. Clark,	74.84	M. J. Fifield,	108.78
H. F. Tucker,	235.98	G. W. Norris,	4.89
E. E. Evans,	61.18	W. S. Fifield,	60.14
P. Page,	44.17	C. G. Gross,	126.83
S. H. Sargent,	125.64	L. Sanborn,	377.83
C. Mooney,	264.40	L. P. Wiggin,	188.74
G. C. Durrell,	175.90	B. S. Russell,	311.09
J. Mathews,	213.72	S. B. Whitcher,	75.76
N. F. Foster,	387.17	N. F. Foster,	260.09

D. Durrell,	460.08	L. J. Dearborn,	91.99
J. C. Cilley,	61.03	C. Shepherd,	849.26
L. A. Folsom,	387.75	G. W. Norris,	9.51
E. E. Evans,	125.64	S. H. Sargent,	125.35
E. F. Judkins,	31.25	C. J. Cross,	125.04
T. Clark,	237.27	F. S. Fifield,	124.83
A. M. Fifield,	31.20	J. C. Cilley,	237.28
T. Clark,	163.92	E. F. Judkins,	36.44
L. M. Sweatt,	118.20	W. A. Bucklin,	118.20
G. Swain,	181.17	L. A. Folsom,	173.82
W. A. Bucklin,	115.73	H. F. Tucker,	98.44
W. A. Bucklin,	115.72	J. Pulsifer,	206.96
L. J. Dearborn,	28.22	L. A. Willard,	89.88
H. Wadleigh,	83.97	H. F. Tucker,	164.20
M. H. Sweatt,	268.51	F. H. Evans,	589.12
F. H. Evans,	529.86	V. J. Fifield,	116.85
M. S. Dudley,	23.43	J. W. Wells,	115.16
D. H. Maxfield,	568.28	J. W. Wells,	201.54
I. A. Ordway,	50.32	L. M. Sweatt,	111.84
J. W. Wells,	187.11	E. A. Hall,	111.30
J. M. Clark,	33.37	S. H. Sargent,	111.21
F. S. Fifield,	47.96	E. E. Evans,	221.88
G. W. Norris,	7.76	J. Plummer,	110.24
S. Maxfield,	249.23	T. Clark,	147.07
J. M. Clark,	32.58	W. A. Bucklin,	137.08
J. Pulsifer,	219.42	F. H. Evans,	107.72
S. H. Sargent,	109.37	M. Sanborn,	207.76
B. Fifield,	1,623.00	M. Glidden,	28.02
D. Glidden,	766.14	S. Piper,	176.07
Parsonage Fund,	238.46		

School Dis. No. 11,	14.44	I. A. Ordway,	73.88
L. A. Folsom,	167.78	W. A. Bucklin,	104.86
S. Piper,	62.82	J. M. Clark,	46.11
H. B. Clark,	94.21	E. F. Judkins,	42.06
M. J. Pierce,	292.69	J. Pierce,	146.90
W. C. Wells,	78.62	L. Ladd,	149.69
H. B. Clark,	123.38	S. Piper,	144.97
Eliza Dow,	76.63	W. A. Bucklin,	81.74
H. B. Clark,	60.45	S. Page,	220.02
J. T. Judkins,	188.94	J. T. Judkins,	92.24
M. Kimball,	3.00		
J. D. Wood,	.81	Total,	$29,477.06

Claims Due the Town.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	$3,336 37
J. Y. Weymouth's note and interest,	229 97
C. H. Rowe, collector for 1872,	70 75
C. B. Gile, " 1871,	25 94
" " " 1873,	628 15
J. S. Weymouth, " 1874,	1,772 51
U. S. Bounties,	2,295 00
	$8,358 69
Indebtedness of town over means,	$21,118 37

EDGAR A. ROWE,
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CHARLES E. MOODY,
} Selectmen of Belmont.

JESSE S. TOWLE,
CHARLES B. GILE,
} Auditors.

Report of School Committee.

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Again it becomes our duty to report the schools in town for the past school year. We are happy to say that the standard of scholarship is steadily advancing. We have in our schools to-day a few scholars as well qualified to teach as many of our teachers. And by no means do our teachers fall behind those of other towns, for we have some of the best. Nearly all of them have had some experience although a few have made their first attempt, but with good success.. Writing is sadly neglected in most of the schools. Some devote too little time to the exercise while the scholars for the most part labor to kill the half hour by SCRATCHING without care or interest. Rhetorical exercises have been attended to in the majority of the schools with marked success. Parents would do well to encourage this branch of education that all the scholars in town may take an interest in a matter of such vital importance. By looking at the Statistical List it will be seen that we have 554 cases of tardiness and only 73 scholars were not absent a half-day. Why is this? Are the pupils in the fault? Not wholly; for by personal investigation we have ascertained that in most cases the importance of punctuality and regular attendance

is almost utterly lost sight of by the parents as well as by the pupils. We hope more attention may be given to this matter in the future. Official service has been rendered but once to sustain order and that not an extreme case. Corporeal punishment has been inflicted in only a few instances causing us to believe that pupils are beginning to understand for what purpose they attend school, and understanding thus much they have applied themselves studiously to their work. On the whole the school year has been one of peace and much profit. We would suggest however that more discretion be used in the choice of Prudential Committees. Select such men for that office as will have a disposition, if ignorant (some have been,) to inform themselves as to the duties of such an office. Some have not been content with an attempt to usurp the authority of your School Committee but have attempted to establish themselves as dictators over the schools very much to the embarassment of the teachers and disadvantage of the scholars although the most of them have untiringly sought the highest interests of their districts. Submitting these few suggestions for your consideration, we now report the schools severally in order, viz:

District No. 1. Taught by Miss Fannie A. Shannon. This is a school of much interest and the

teacher labored hard for the benefit of her scholars. Order good. Advancement commendable.

District No. 2. Summer term, taught by Miss Lizzie A. Nelson. She is a fine scholar and her instructions were very thorough. Good order. Fair advancement. Winter term, Miss F. M. Heath teacher. A term of much profit. Order and improvement as usual with Miss Heath.

District No. 3. Taught by Miss Ella G. Chandler. The teacher labored hard for her scholars under somewhat of an embarassment which may be overcome by experience and study. Order good. Improvement quite satisfactory.

District No. 4. Summer term, taught by Miss L. Jennie Currier, who maintained her well-known reputation as a teacher. The school did finely, showing a marked thoroughness of instruction. Order good. Winter term, Miss Marion E. Lyford, teacher. With experience Miss Lyford may become one of our best teachers. Order as in previous term. We find some of our best scholars here.

District No. 5. Summer term, Miss Marion E. Lyford, teacher; this was her first attempt. From a lack of energy on the part of the teacher and of a disposition to study on the part of pupils this school did not meet our expectations. The Winter term was taught by Mr. Solon Hill, who is an experienced teacher. The order was perfect, but the